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1. SCOPE AND INTENSITY OF POLITICALLY INSPIRED VIOLENCE CONTINUES INCREASE. WHILE CONCENTRATED MOSTLY IN IZMIR AREA, SCATTERED SERIOUS INCIDENTS OCCURRING THROUGHOUT TWELVE PROVINCE CONSULAR DISTRICT. WITH EXCEPTION OF BOMBING OF IZMIR TAA (REFB) HOWEVER, US PERSONNEL HAVE BEEN AT MOST OCCASIONAL CHANCE TARGETS OF HARASSMENT.
2. IN LAST WEEK WE HAVE HAD SPATE OF INCIDENTS AND ASSOCI-

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ATED CLASHES AND DEMONSTRATIONS THAT ESPECIALLY NOTEWORTHY.

A. POLICE ARRESTED PERSONS CHARGED WITH SELLING GUNS TO "ANARCHISTS". ELEVEN PISTOLS OF CZECH AND SPANISH MANUFACTURE WERE SEIZED: TOGETHER WITH AMMUNITION. A LEFTIST NEWSPAPER SAID THE WEAPONS WERE OF THE KIND USED BY THE "COMMANDOS".

B. ON MARCH 17 LARGE NUMBER OF RIGHTIST STUDENTS FROM USAK

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TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE FOUGHT WITH STUDENTS FROM USAK CORRESPONDENCE SCHOOL AND LEFTIST MINORITY FROM THE TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE. BEFORE POLICE SEPARATED COMBATANTS ONE LEFTIST SHOT AND KILLED, 20 INJURED. LEFTIST FACTION LATER RECOVERED AND REFUSED SURRENDER CORPSE, WHEREUPON AFTER TWO HOURS EXCHANGE OF GUNFIRE POLICE, REINFORCED FROM NEIGHBORING PROVINCES, ENTERED BUILDING AND DISCOVERED SECOND CORPSE

(REPORTEDLY OF FEMALE SECONDARY SCHOOL STUDENT). IN ENSUING DEMONSTRATIONS BY CONCERNED ADULTS AND CONTINUING FIGHTS, ANOTHER 22 PERSONS INJURED (4 OF WHOM WERE POLICE) AS POLICE FIRED NUMEROUS ROUNDS INTO AIR TO DISPERSE CROWD THROWING STONES IN FRONT OF USAK GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE. DAMAGE CAUSED AT HOSPITAL AND AT IDEALIST HEARTH BUILDING, 200 PERSONS TAKEN INTO

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CUSTODY (183 SUBSEQUENTLY RELEASED), TEN PISTOLS AND NINE KNIVES SEIZED. REMAINS OF THE TWO DECEASED WERE RETURNED TO THEIR HOMES IN VILLAGES IN DENIZLI (CIVRIL) AND USAK (BANAZ). RPP PROVINCIAL PRESIDENT LUTFU GUN BLAMED GOVERNOR FOR THE INCIDENTS AND CLAIMED THE TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE WAS REGTIST COMMANDO BASE. SEVERAL THOUSAND STUDENTS AND ADULTS INVOLVED AT ONE STAGE OR ANOTHER OF THE TWO DAY INCIDENT.

C. ON EVENING OF MARCH 20 IZMIR GOVERNOR'S RESIDENCE WAS FIRED UPON BY OCCUPANTS OF PASSING CAR. WINDOWS BROKEN BUT NO INJURY.

D. ON MARCH 21 FIVE STUDENTS INJURED AT BUCA (IZMIR SUBURB) WHEN RIGHTIST STUDENTS ENTERED COFFEE-SHOP FREQUENTED BY LEFTISTS. FIVE STUDENTS INJURED AND HIGH SCHOOL PASSER-BY WAS SHOT, NEARBY STORES WERE DAMAGED. FIFTY STUDENTS TAKEN INTO CUSTODY, WITH CHARGES LATER FILED AGAINST SEVEN. ON MARCH 22 SIX FEMALE STUDENTS FROM BUCA TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE ALLEGEDLY BEATEN BY RIGHTIST FELLOW STUDENTS. REPORTEDLY NAP SUPPORTING SCHOOL DIRECTOR REFUSED POLICE ENTRY TO SEARCH FOR THE ASSAILANTS.

E. RADICAL LEFTIST HATAY (DISTRICT OF IZMIR) CULTURAL SOLI-LIMITED OFFICIAL USE

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DARITY ASSOC. ON MARCH 16 WAS BOMBED FROM PASSING CAR CAUSING

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DAMAGE TO PREMISES, BUT NO INJURIES. ON MARCH 22 SAME BUILDING WAS FIRED UPON; POLICE ARRESTED TWO SUSPECTS WHO REPORTEDLY ARE WORKERS FROM NAP-MISK INFILTRATED IZMIR REFINERY. IN WHAT POLICE REGARD AS RETALIATORY RAID, YOUTHS BROKE INTO BORNOVA HEADQUARTERS OF IDEALISTS MOVEMENT SHOOTING AND KILLING ORGANIZATION'S PRESIDENT, SUAT KURSAT, A STUDENT AT BUCA TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE. FOLLOWING DAY LARGE GROUP OF "IDEALISTS" SOUGHT UNSUCCESSFULLY RECOVER KURSAT'S REMAINS; FIVE PERSONS INJURED IN ENSUING ALTERCATION DURING WHICH ENTRANCE TO HOSPITAL AND ROAD FROM HOSPITAL TO IZMIR BLOCKED BY DEMONSTRATING RIGHTISTS, BUS WINDOWS SMASHED AND SEVERAL FIGHTS AMONG STUDENTS OCCURRED. MARCH 23 CLASH AT AU ECONOMICS AND SCIENCES FACULTY BETWEEN RIGHTIST AND LEFTIST STUDENTS PERHAPS RELATED THERETO. HOWEVER, UNDER HEAVY POLICE SECURITY, FUNERAL ATTENDED MAR 24

BY LARGE NUMBERS OF RIGHTISTS PASSED WITHOUT FURTHER INCIDENT.
F. DURING WEEK PRESS ALSO NOTED SCATTERED RIGHT-LEFT CLASHES
IN BALIKESIR AT TEACHER TRAINING INSTITUTE, AYDIN (BETWEEN
LEFTISTS STUDENT AND IDEALIST HEARTH MEMBERS), SMALL BOMB
DETONATED IN CAR OF AU DENTISTRY FACULTY TEACHER IN DOWNTOWN
IZMIR, AND SEVERAL STUDENT BOYCOTTS OVER THREAT POSED BY

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RIGHTISTS, ESPECIALLY AT BUCA.

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